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Richard M. Helms, Esq. Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505. November 10, 1969

Dear Mr. Helms:

I'm writing in the hope that on one of your periodic trips to New York City, you may have a luncheon date open to be our guest of honor at the ESQUIRE Round Table.

Several years ago, we initiated these monthly Round Table luncheons at ESQUIRE, to which we invite members of the leadership community.

This is a very small, informal group, which gathers to hear an outstanding figure in the field of politics, the arts, science, government, etc., and discuss with him their own points of view.

There are no prepared speeches. None is desired. All remarks are extemporaneous and off-the-record. We have been fortunate to have had as Round Table speakers in the past: James A. Farley, Senator Jacob Javits, John Kenneth Galbraith, John Gunther, Harrison Salisbury, Tom Wicker, Walter Cronkite, Truman Capote, Dr. Ralph Bunche, McGeorge Bundy, Eric Sevareid, and this fall Dr. Michael DeBakey and Governor Nelson E. Rockefeller.

We are now in the process of working out our schedule for 1970 and would be greatly honored if you could be our Round Table speaker during whichever month is most convenient for you. There is a budget which provides a \$500 honorarium for the speaker.

Our Round Tables convene promptly at twelve and we scrupulously adhere to a two o'clock curfew. We leave the choice of subject of the Round Table talk to the speaker.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Arnold Gingrich

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